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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED MATTER OF CHARTER AIR CENTER WITH FRANK G. BARTLETT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION SEPTEMBER 14 (REF D) (REFS A - C ARE PREVIOUS CABLES ON SAME CASE). BARTLETT SAID HE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM AND AVIATION CLEMENT T. MAYNARD VISITED FORT LAUDERDALE AIRPORT IN AUGUST WHEN THEY DISCOVERED BILLBOARDS AND BROCHURES ADVERTISING CHARTER AIR CENTER'S "SCHEDULED" AIR SERVICE TO THE BAHAMAS. BARTLETT SAID IN MARCH HE ORALLY TOLD COUSINS TO CEASE HIS ILLEGAL OPERATIONS TO THE BAHAMAS SINCE CHARTER AIR PRESENTLY DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY AND HAS NEVER BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION FOR "SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE TO THE BAHAMAS" (REF B). MINISTER MAYNARD IN LETTER TO COUSINS EARLY SEPTEMBER INSTRUCTED COUSINS TO CEASE HIS ILLEGAL OPERATIONS. COUSINS THEN, THROUGH HIS ATTORNEYS, JULIAN MAYNARD, ASKED BAHAMAS AIR TRANSPORT LICENSING AUTHORITY (ATLA) FOR AUTHORITY TO "WIND DOWN CHARTER AIR SERVICE OPERATIONS" TO THE BAHAMAS. THIS REQUEST WAS DENIED SAYS BARTLETT BECAUSE SINCE CHARTER AIR WAS OPERATING ILLEGALLY ATLA HAD NO JURISDICTION IN ORDERING

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COUSINS "TO WIND DOWN." HOWEVER, BARTLETT SAYS MINISTER MAYNARD HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUMPATHTIC TO COUSINS' PLIGHT, DESPITE HIS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, AND IS ABOUT TO AUTHORIZE CHARTER AIR SERVICE "TEMPORARY PERMISSION" TO OPERATE CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN FORT LAUDERDALE AND MARSH HARBOUR (ABACO) PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE CAB US-BAHAMAS AIR CARRIER INVESTIGATION (REF E). IN ADDITION, CHARTER AIR CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 4 APPLIED TO ATLA

FOR "SCHEDULED" AIR SERVICE OPERATIONS FROM FORT LAUDERDALE
TO VARIOUS POINTS IN THE BAHAMAS WHICH, SAYS BARTLETT, WILL
NOT BE ACTED UPON UNTIL CONCLUSION OF CAB HEARING (REF E)
WHEN ATLA WILL REASSESS THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS LICENSED OPERATORS.
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